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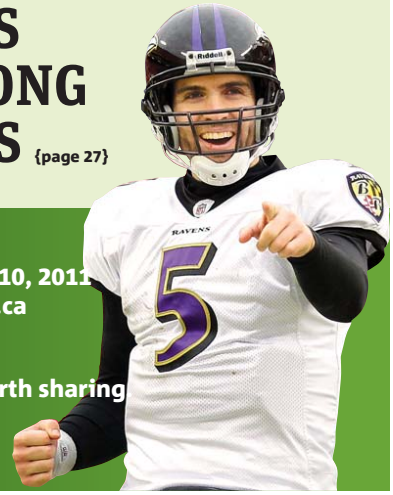

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TTC. Exhibitionists

▶ Pants-averse TTC riders, from left, Nathaniel Rodney, Evan Desmarais, Gabrielle Townsend and Captain No Pants (that was name given) strike a pose.

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No pants, no shame, no problem

Dozens of TTC riders stripped down to their underwear yesterday for the fourth annual No Pants! Subway Ride, organized by Improv in Toronto. It was one of 50 such events taking place in 24 countries around the world.

Toxic politics in the U.S.

Attempt on lawmaker's life shines light on rhetoric {page 6}

Raps' duo gets best of Kings

Bargnani, DeRozan score big in home-court win {page 26}

Taking a stand for Transit City

Councillors who spoke at rally in front of city hall said they had received more than 10,000 emails in support of plan that mayor had declared dead Organizers say now is key time for supporters to keep the pressure on

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▶ Toronto Raging Grannies, from left, Kate Chung, Phyllis Creighton and Maria Kasstan participate in the Save Transit City rally yesterday in front of city hall.

More than 100 supporters turned up outside city hall yesterday afternoon for a Save Transit City rally and organizing meeting. Speakers included city councillors Adam Vaughan, Gord Perks and activists such as Dave Meslin, with many framing it as more important than just a public transit issue.

"Transit City is a lot more than a transit plan, it's a city-building exercise," Vaughan told the gathered crowd. "This city is connected by much more than transit. It's connected by families, by work environments, by constituencies called students, workers, you name it, and Transit City serves everybody. It's not a suburban service, it's a city service and we need it."

Patrick Shorter, one of the organizers of the event, said the next step is to have supporters attend upcoming budget committee meetings, and to get the word out by speaking to people at subway stops and targeting wards with councillors who are undecided about the plan. They plan to canvas the Eglinton West, Eglinton East and Finch West areas next weekend, in hopes of getting residents to call their representatives and voice their support.

"The budget comes down tomorrow, and now is the time that important decisions are going to be made," he said.

Patrick Cameron attended the rally and has already canvassed in the Malvern area.

"Our job is to explain why this plan is the best way to go," he said.

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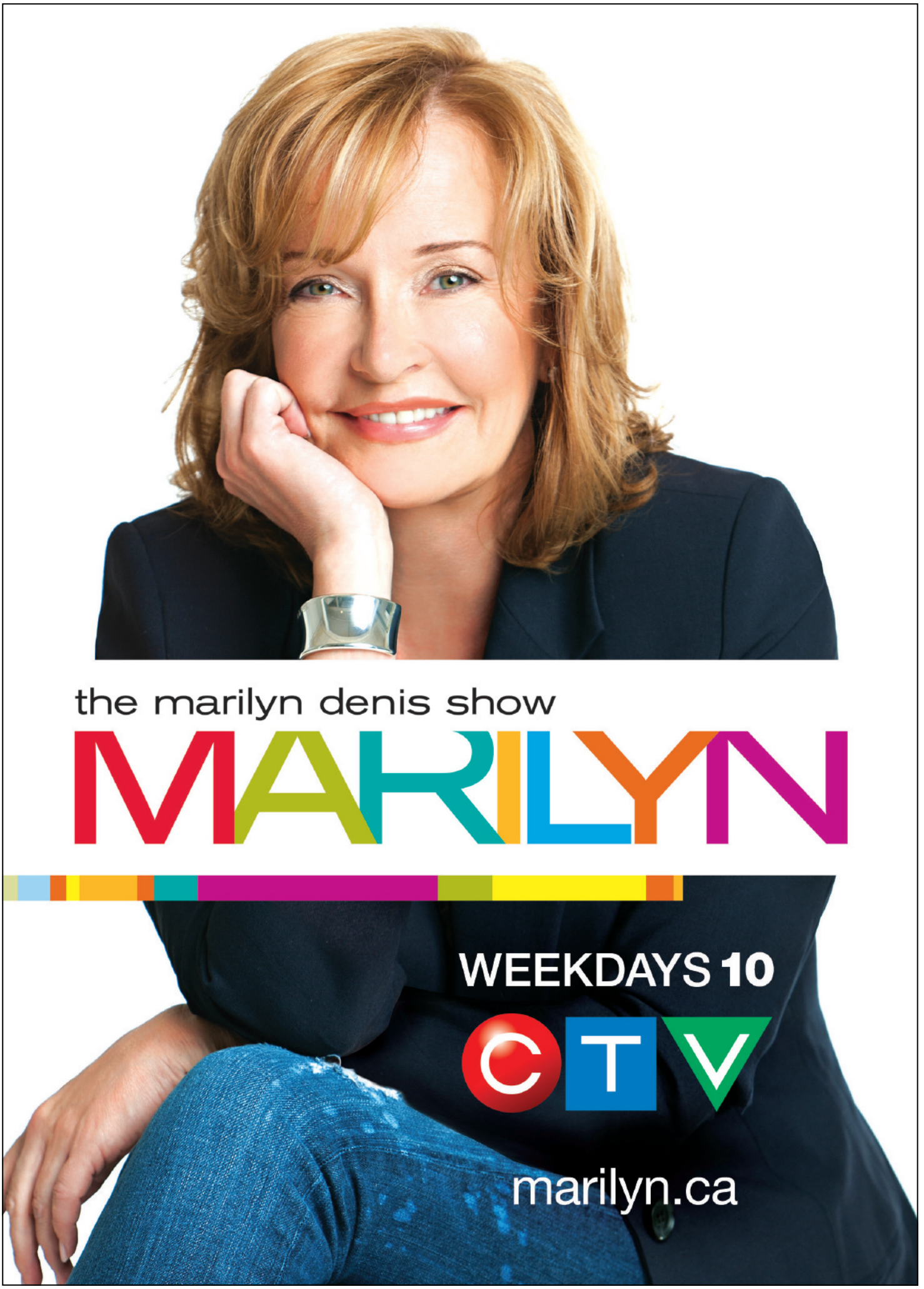
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Bedbug fight getting $5M boost

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▶ Mike Colle, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence, and Rima Zavys of WoodGreen Community Services during a news conference in November regarding recommendations to the province arising out of the "bedbug summit."

Ontario is pouring $5 million into the fight against bedbugs in a push to curb infestations that have been on the rise for years, the Toronto Star has learned.

The province's 36 local health units can apply for a share of the funding, which will also support a public education campaign and a website coming soon at bedbugsinfo.ca.

The program, to be announced today, will teach people "how they can recognize bedbugs and what actions they can take" in a battle that will also take on the myths about fighting the pests, a government source said.

"The best tool to fight bedbugs is education, so we want to arm Ontarians with reliable information," the source added.

In September, Liberal MPP Mike Colle (Eglinton-Lawrence) organized a "bedbug summit" at Queen's Park and proposed a private member's bill requiring landlords to disclose bedbug infestations to new tenants. He later withdrew the proposed bill, saying a more comprehensive plan was needed.

He called for a province-wide campaign to control infestations, an expert panel to determine the safest and most effective methods to kill bedbugs, and a system to track infestations by public health units.

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Visually-impaired boy gets run of train

'I like all the different noises the train makes,' says five-year-old

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Colyn Mack, 5, honks the subway horn with the help of TTC chief mobile supervisor Terry Lesyk at the Davisville subway station.

At first he won't go into the cab where the driver sits. Then he won't sit in the seat.

Little Colyn Mack is overwhelmed by having the run of a TTC subway car to himself.

But when TTC chief supervisor Terry Lesyk asks if he would like to sound the horn, Colyn hesitates.

"Is it loud?" the visually-impaired five-year-old wants to know.

Lesyk sounds the horn and finally, Colyn, who has been somewhat overcome by the treat of having a subway car to himself, gives it a try.

Then he tries again, and again, and one more time.

The TTC moved the spare subway train onto the southbound platform of the Davisville station in time for Colyn to fully experience the sounds of the train — noises he enjoys every other Saturday night when he and his dad, Paul Mack, take the subway from Lawrence to their favourite restaurant on Bloor Street.

Paul Mack, who is blind, called the TTC's customer service line last week asking if there was any way his son could talk to a subway operator.

Transit officials said they could do better — how would Colyn like a personal tour and a chance to play on a train for a few minutes?

So, on Friday, father and son, along with Paul's guide dog Elliott, were invited aboard one of the trains lined up for the afternoon rush service.

Paul Mack and Colyn were both born with coloboma, a condition in which the structure of the eye never fully develops in utero. Colyn has 60 to 70 per cent of his vision and has to hold objects very close to his face to see pictures in a book or details on toys. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Daughter charged in murder

A 20-year-old woman has been charged with the first-degree murder of her mother in the city's third homicide of the year.

Annesair Balkaran is accused in the death of 59-year-old Zaniffa Balkaran, police confirmed yesterday.

Police found Zaniffa Balkaran dead in her apartment at a Scarborough community housing building at 4301 Kingston Rd. Friday morning. They arrested a 20-year-old woman at the scene.

Neighbours said the victim lived with a daughter.

The death was not initially deemed a murder, though Det. Sgt. Graham Gibson did say the situation "appeared suspicious."

Police have yet to confirm the cause of death.

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Neighbour

▶ Debbie Thompson, 35, who lives in the building, said she had known the victim for two years and that people called her "Jenny." Thompson said her neighbour — who she described as "very nice, very quiet" — was an avid churchgoer who attended services several times a week.

News in brief

Man accused of killing brother

DEATH. A Milton man has been charged with the second-degree murder of his brother.

Jordan Isnor, 25, is charged in the death of Devon Isnor, 23. The cause of the death has yet to be determined.

Police warn of card scam

FRAUD. If you recently used your credit card at the New Credit Variety and Gas Bar in Haldimand County, you might be a victim of fraud.

Ontario Provincial Police said some customers had their cards swiped several times between Dec. 16-28.

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Parents were reluctant about daycare: Uncle

Day that child was fatally injured at daycare was scheduled to be last day under woman's care

On Friday, 14-month-old Duy-An Nguyen died at Sick Kids hospital after being taken off life support. She had suffered "severe head trauma," according to her uncle, Johnson Nguyen.

The baby's death came two days after she was found unconscious and unresponsive at a Mississauga home.

The Asta Drive duplex belongs to 35-year-old April Luckese, who also operates an unlicensed daycare out of the location called April's Daycare.

On Friday, she was arrested and charged with second-degree murder. On Saturday, she briefly appeared in court.

▶ Duy-An Nguyen

The Nguyen family had planned that Wednesday — the day Duy-An was injured — would be her last under Luckese's care, the uncle said, adding the family had made other arrangements.

He said his sister and her husband, Loc Nguyen, had always been reluctant to entrust their beloved only child to another person's care.

The couple resorted to April's Daycare only after the mother's maternity leave expired and An returned to work selling hearing aids, Nguyen said.

But after using Luckese's services for just two days, An Nguyen received permission to start bringing the baby to work, her brother explained.

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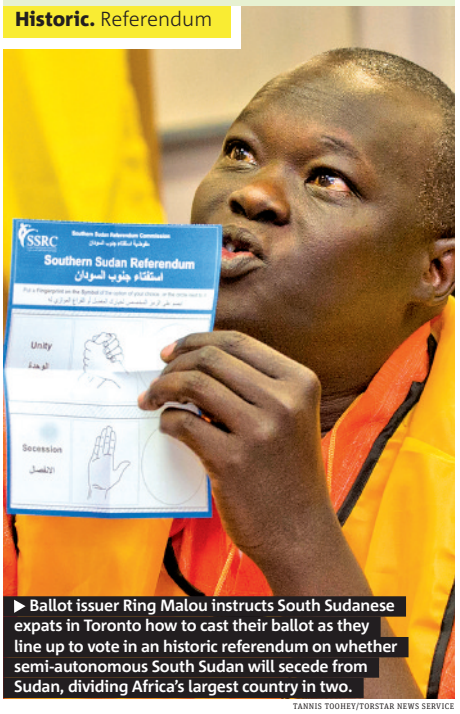
Historic. Referendum



▶ Ballot issuer Ring Malou instructs South Sudanese expats in Toronto how to cast their ballot as they line up to vote in an historic referendum on whether semi-autonomous South Sudan will secede from Sudan, dividing Africa's largest country in two.

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Sudanese expats vote

The weeklong referendum is expected to split troubled Sudan into two parts and create the world's newest country.

Ontario Place gears up for revamp

Ontario Place officials have been flooded with ideas from companies and ordinary citizens on how to revitalize the aging waterfront park.

A formal request for information in September brought in 35 responses, ranging from a single sheet to thick reports with detailed comprehensive submissions.

John Tevlin, who took over as general manager in September, won't discuss any of the specifics, saying the ideas are currently being analyzed and studied, so anything is possible.

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U.S. shooting sparks political rhetoric debate

Congresswoman fighting for life after being shot in the head Six others killed during meeting at grocery store

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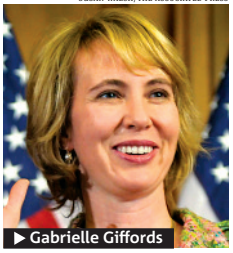

Gabrielle Giffords

The attempted assassination of Arizona Democrat Gabrielle Giffords, who backed U.S. President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul and opposed her state's controversial illegal immigration crackdown, has ignited debate about the toxic rhetoric poisoning political discourse in the United States.

In the hours following the shooting, a disturbing array of information emerged about the suspect, Jared Lee Loughner, a self-described Adolf Hitler fan with a loathing of government. The shooting resulted in almost immediate political ramifications.

Leading congressional Republicans said they would postpone plans to vote on repealing Obama's health-care legislation this week in Congress. The website of Sarah Palin's action committee also swiftly knocked down a map of the U.S. that featured Giffords's congressional district, along with several others, placed under crosshairs.

Yesterday, an aide insisted the crosshairs map was never meant to encourage violence.

"It was simply crosshairs like you'd see on maps ... it never occurred to us that anybody would consider it violent," Rebecca Mansour told talk radio host Tammy Bruce, branding any attempts to politicize the tragedy as "repulsive."

Online petitions were cropping up online yesterday calling for Palin, a likely presidential contender in 2012, to face federal charges for "inciting violence" against Giffords.

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Philippines. Faith

Barefoot Filipino Catholic devotees struggle to touch the cross prior to the raucous procession of the image of the Feast of the Black Nazarene to celebrate its annual festival yesterday in Manila, Philippines.

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Black Jesus draws devoted crowd

Scores of devotees were hurt as they joined the procession in the belief the image has mystical powers, seeking miracles for problems including poverty, cancer, an unfaithful husband and war. Police estimated more than one million people joined.

380 **Giffords' husband is astronaut Mark Kelly, who is slated to fly a space shuttle in April. His twin brother, Scott Kelly, is commander of the International Space Station, orbiting 380 kilometres above Earth.**

Shots felt in space

From space, Scott Kelly tweeted his thanks for support and prayers. He praised his sister-in-law, and called it a sad day.

The shuttle flight Giffords' husband is supposed to lead might be NASA's last shuttle flight before the spacecrafts are retired. NASA says it's premature to speculate as to whether he will be able to lead the mission. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Climate change may be unbeatable: New report

- Study says Canada, Russia would fare best from rising temperatures
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A study predicts there will be havoc akin to a big-budget Hollywood disaster movie in the next 1,000 years even if people stop emitting all carbon dioxide into the atmosphere now.

Researchers from the University of Calgary and Environment Canada's climate centre at the University of Victoria say coastal areas will flood and the Earth's land mass will shrink as global sea levels rise by at least four metres. The Northern Hemisphere fares better than the south with patterns of climate change eventually reversing in places such as Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Predictions

The researchers plotted out what will happen if the world keeps a "business as usual" approach to climate change.

- **The sea ice** in the Arctic will mostly be gone, says Shawn Marshall, a geography professor at the University of Calgary.
- **But if we** drop dead with emissions right now, the Arctic sea ice is back to what we're used to by 2100, according to Marshall.

Pakistan. Protest

▶ A child stands with supporters of the Pakistani religious party Sunni Tehreek yesterday in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, during a rally calling for the release of Mumtaz Qadri, the alleged killer of Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer.

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Killing sparks outrage

Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer was killed by his bodyguard last week, who was reportedly enraged by Taseer's opposition to laws decreeing death for insulting Islam. The writing on the banner reads, "Who betrays the prophet, must die must die."

Journalist found dead, castrated in N.Y. hotel

A male model who had recently been a contestant on a Portuguese reality TV show was taken into police custody hours after his companion, a celebrity Portuguese television journalist, was found castrated and bludgeoned to death in a New York City hotel.

The journalist, 65-year-old Carlos Castro, had arrived in the U.S. in late December in the company of his young boyfriend, model Renato Seabra, to see some Broadway shows and spend New Year's Eve in Times Square, according to a family friend.

A guest at the InterContinental, Suzanne Divilly, 40, told the Daily News she heard the two men arguing in their room during the day Friday. "There was a lot of noise, talking," she said. "You could hear them arguing in the corridor and even in our room."

No charges had been filed against Seabra as of Saturday afternoon, the New York Police Department said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

71 killed in IranAir plane crash

An IranAir passenger jet carrying 106 people crashed as it was making an emergency landing yesterday in a snowstorm in the country's northwest and broke into several pieces, killing 71 of those on board, Iranian media reported.

Thirty-five people survived, including two crew members, said Javad Mahmoudi, a deputy governor for West Azerbaijan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

30 Experts say U.S. sanctions prevent Iran from updating its 30-year-old American aircraft and make it difficult to get spare parts for planes.

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Lipson Bros. make a deal

Brothers Earl and Jordan Lipson, who operate McGregor Industries Inc., a 90-year-old Canadian sock manufacturer, have repurchased the portion of the company owned by Kilmer Capital. Kilmer's 2005 investment was to bolster McGregor's finances before a supply chain restructuring. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No Baffinland deal yet for ArcelorMittal

- Demand for iron ore has returned since the recession
- India and China's economies also back in high gear

The standoff between the world's largest steelmaker and a private equity fund over Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. appears headed for a stalemate.

A takeover offer by ArcelorMittal was set to expire at midnight tonight, but whether the company was going to receive enough shares to cement its bid was unclear.

And that's just fine for former Baffinland chief executive Gordon McCreary, who welcomes any delay as he works to put together a third option with an unidentified Chinese firm.

"Time is my biggest enemy in terms of trying to attract the Chinese to move on this," said McCreary, who is expected to head to China this week to talk to his potential investor.

McCreary, who stepped down from the Baffinland board in November after ArcelorMittal's friendly deal was announced, believes both of the current offers greatly undervalue the company's potential.

The two current potential buyers are fighting to control Baffinland's Mary River project on northern Baffin Island, about 1,000 kilometres northwest of Iqaluit.

It contains 865 million tonnes of iron ore reserves in three deposits. In exploration this year, Baffinland identified six other potential deposits.

The world's three biggest iron ore suppliers decided last year to price their contracts on a quarterly basis rather than an annual one, making steel producers more vulnerable to sudden price changes.

Luxembourg-based ArcelorMittal has been building up its iron ore reserves as it seeks to protect itself against price increases in the metal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baffinland

ArcelorMittal has offered $1.40 per share in a deal that values the company and the massive Mary River iron ore project deep at about $550 million.

- **Nunavut Iron** has offered $1.45 per share plus a fraction of a warrant, but it only wants to take control of the company by increasing its stake in Baffinland to 60 per cent.
- **The company** is a subsidiary of Energy & Minerals Group and already owns about 10 per cent of Baffinland's equity.

▶ Kai Pommerenke shows off his new website at his home in Santa Cruz, Calif.

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Forever and ever?

Kai Pommerenke, a University of California, Santa Cruz, economist, last month launched a non-profit he calls the first online storage service to guarantee your data forever. Chronicle of Life charges $1 per megabyte of data stored, about the size of an average digital photo. Users must buy at least 10 megabytes.

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Gorick Ng depended on a free lunch program in high school. He went on to transform and expand the meal program, earning him recognition as one of Canada's top teen philanthropists last month by financial company Mackenzie Investments.

The slender 18-year-old, decked out in a suit and tie, tells me about his tough high school years. His father took off. His mother, an immigrant from Hong Kong who had worked at a sewing factory in Toronto for more than 20 years, lost her job.

A single child, Ng was in Grade 8 at the time. He and his mother joined forces to find her a job. It wasn't an easy task — she had no education and broken English.

"She'd go out to look for job postings and I'd look online," he tells me. "I'd write her resumé and cover letters." They would also clean houses together on Saturdays. This went on for months until they secured a grant for her to study in a one-year program in early childhood assistance for daycares.

Meanwhile, Ng had applied to an elite, public math and science high school on the recommendation of a teacher. He was accepted, but worried about the money he would need to commute. Luckily, he was told he would receive TTC tickets and free lunches.

"I came into high school not knowing anything about volunteerism," he says. He thought philanthropy and volunteer work was a pastime for the wealthy.

It wasn't until he decided to perform his 40 hours of mandatory community service at the Daily Bread Food Bank that he realized how many regular people donated their time for the less fortunate.

He was shocked that they would all take time in their busy lives to sort out cans for the needy. He decided he wanted to give back as well.

Near the end of Grade 9, Ng discovered that it was the Toronto Foundation for Student Success that was responsible for his free lunches. He emailed the charity and soon became a student ambassador, helping develop its fundraising and outreach strategies. He also became involved at the Toronto District School Board as a student trustee and as his school's student council president.

Ng graduated last year, and was home for the Christmas break from university, doing an internship at Queen's Park, and visiting his mother, who is working as a childcare assistant. At the end of January, he will continue his studies in economics and government at Harvard, which gives financial aid on the basis of need.

He plans to use his skills to give back to the community, although he doesn't know quite how yet. I'm sure he'll find a way.

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Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Info not so free: Study

Worth mentioning

A new study ranks Canada dead last in an international comparison of freedom of information laws — a hard fall after many years being judged a global model in openness.

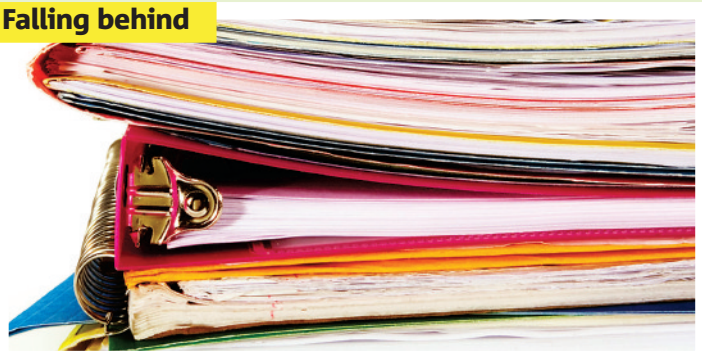
The study by a pair of British academics looked at the effectiveness of freedom of information laws in five parliamentary democracies: Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, the United Kingdom and Canada. New Zealand placed first and Canada last.

The authors criticized Canadian FOI law as an antiquated system that generally prevents citizens from filing requests electronically and compels them to submit paper cheques to cover fees.

As freedom of information came to be regarded as a building block of modern governance, countries around the globe would often seek Canada's advice on how to implement such legislation. But today, with more than 70 countries on the FOI bandwagon, Canada has become a laggard — and, paradoxically, an occasional source of advice on how not to implement freedom of information, says Canada's information commissioner Suzanne Legault.

"I'm not surprised that they ranked Canada last," she said of the latest study. "We were seen as the leaders ... We have fallen behind." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Falling behind



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Metro Minute at Mel Lastman Square

Based on our infallible scientific observations, we have concluded that there are two types of people who like winter in this town: Those who are experiencing snow for the first time and those who partake in winter sports.

Our participation in winter sports extends no further than sprinting from a motor vehicle into a warm indoor environment. But that doesn't mean we can't appreciate, at least in theory, the time-honoured Canuck tradition of outdoor ice skating.

If you enjoy this activity, slap on about eight layers, toss the kids in the back seat and head to Mel Lastman Square (5100 Yonge St.) for some good old-fashioned fun. Hot chocolate optional, but recommended. JORDANA DIVON

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▶ Outdoor ice skating at Mel Lastman Square is as time-honoured a Canadian tradition as high taxes and frostbite.

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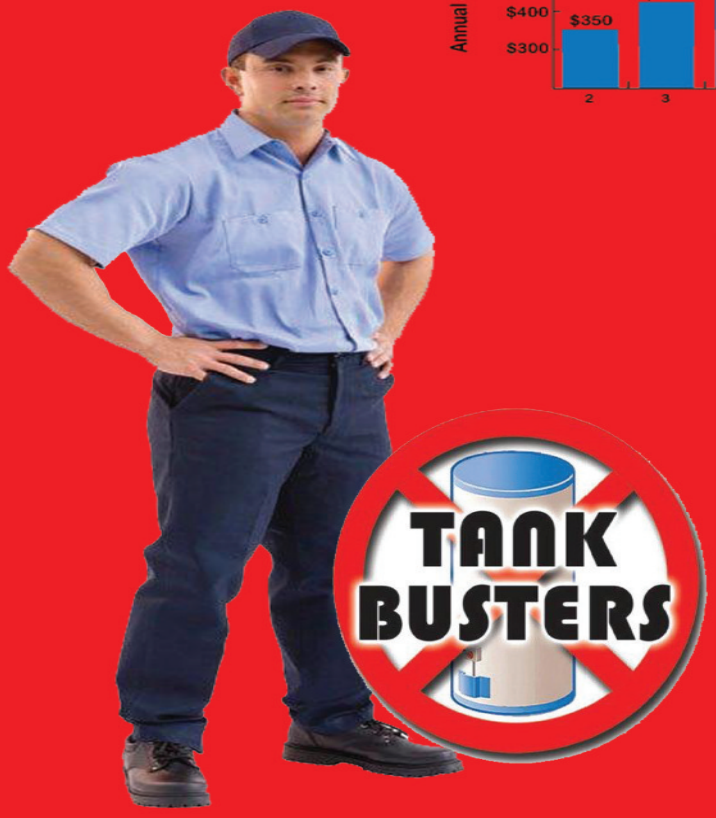

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▶ Katie Holmes is pictured with her daughter, Suri, leaving the set of The Kennedys.

- **TV show about the Kennedy family won't air on History channel**
- **Eight-part series starring Katie Holmes faced major backlash**

After the History channel said it would not air a controversial miniseries on the Kennedy family, producers were already seeking another television home.

The Showtime pay cable network has been approached to air the eight-part series, a spokesman said on Saturday. Eight years ago, Showtime aired a movie about President Reagan that CBS had made but decided not to broadcast when it faced pressure from some of that former president's family.

Showtime won't make a decision about the Kennedy miniseries until its executives have a chance to see it, spokesman Richard Licata said.

The multi-million dollar miniseries, which stars Greg Kinnear and Katie Holmes as John and Jackie Kennedy, was History's most expensive project ever. But the network issued a statement late Friday saying that after watching the finished product, "we have concluded this dramatic interpretation is not a fit for the History brand."

Producers have sold the rights to air the series in other countries, including Canada.

The producers, Muse Entertainment and Asylum, said in a statement they were confident television viewers in the U.S. would have a chance to see the series, though a concerted effort was made to quash it. Liberal filmmaker Robert Greenwald collected 50,000 petitions urging History not to air it, and he produced a short film condemning the project on a website, stopkennedysmears.com.

He had been given an early script, which included one scene where President Kennedy tells his brother Robert about his need to have sex with other women.

Former Kennedy aide Theodore Sorensen also harshly condemned the film, saying scenes in the script where he was depicted didn't actually occur.

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Jackie's tapes

- Hyperion, a Disney-owned publisher, in September plans to release a book and audiotapes based on interviews that Jackie Kennedy gave to historian and family friend Arthur Schlesinger Jr. in 1964.
- They had been sealed since then but will be released on the OK of daughter Caroline Kennedy, who is scheduled to edit the project and write an introduction.
- This year marks the 50th anniversary of the first year of Kennedy's presidency.

2 scene

Box office

True Grit has seized the reins at the weekend box office with $15 million, taking the No. 1 spot and becoming the first Western to top the $100 million mark since the 1990s. The film, starring Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon, bumped off Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller's comedy Little Fockers, which was No. 1 the previous two weekends. Little Fockers slipped to second with $13.8 million, raising its total to $124 million. Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen, True Grit lifted its total to $110.4 million.

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It's been a long time coming for Marilyn

Broadcasters' new talk show set to hit the air today

Beloved broadcaster Marilyn Denis endured a couple of false starts over the past two years as she and CTV worked to bring her new daytime lifestyles and entertainment talk show to air.

She says the sluggish economy stalled the development of The Marilyn Denis Show in fall 2008, and then in the fall of 2010 the launch was further delayed as construction continued on a new studio.

Now, with the show finally set to debut today, Denis says she's happy she didn't have to return to TV immediately after she left her longtime hosting gig at Citytv's Cityline about 2 ½ years ago.

"My mother got sick and so I was travelling a lot to Calgary, so in a way it was a blessing," Denis, longtime co-host of CHUM FM radio's morning show Roger, Darren and Marilyn, said in a recent interview.

"My mother passed away a year ago in July but it was great that I could be there with my sisters, be there obviously with my mother and be there for my dad in Calgary. And the economy being what it was ... it almost was a blessing."

Like Cityline — which Denis left when it became a property of Rogers Media — The Marilyn Denis Show will focus on entertainment and lifestyles topics, including fashion, cooking and decor, and feature guests and a team of experts in front of a live studio audience.

But the new series will be more celebrity-driven, she said, noting she can now easily nab notables as they drop in to the downtown CTV building to appear on MuchMusic or entertainment news show eTalk. Contributors to the show, who were picked from an open casting call, include former sports broadcaster Cabral Richards as a "special correspondent" on the streets.

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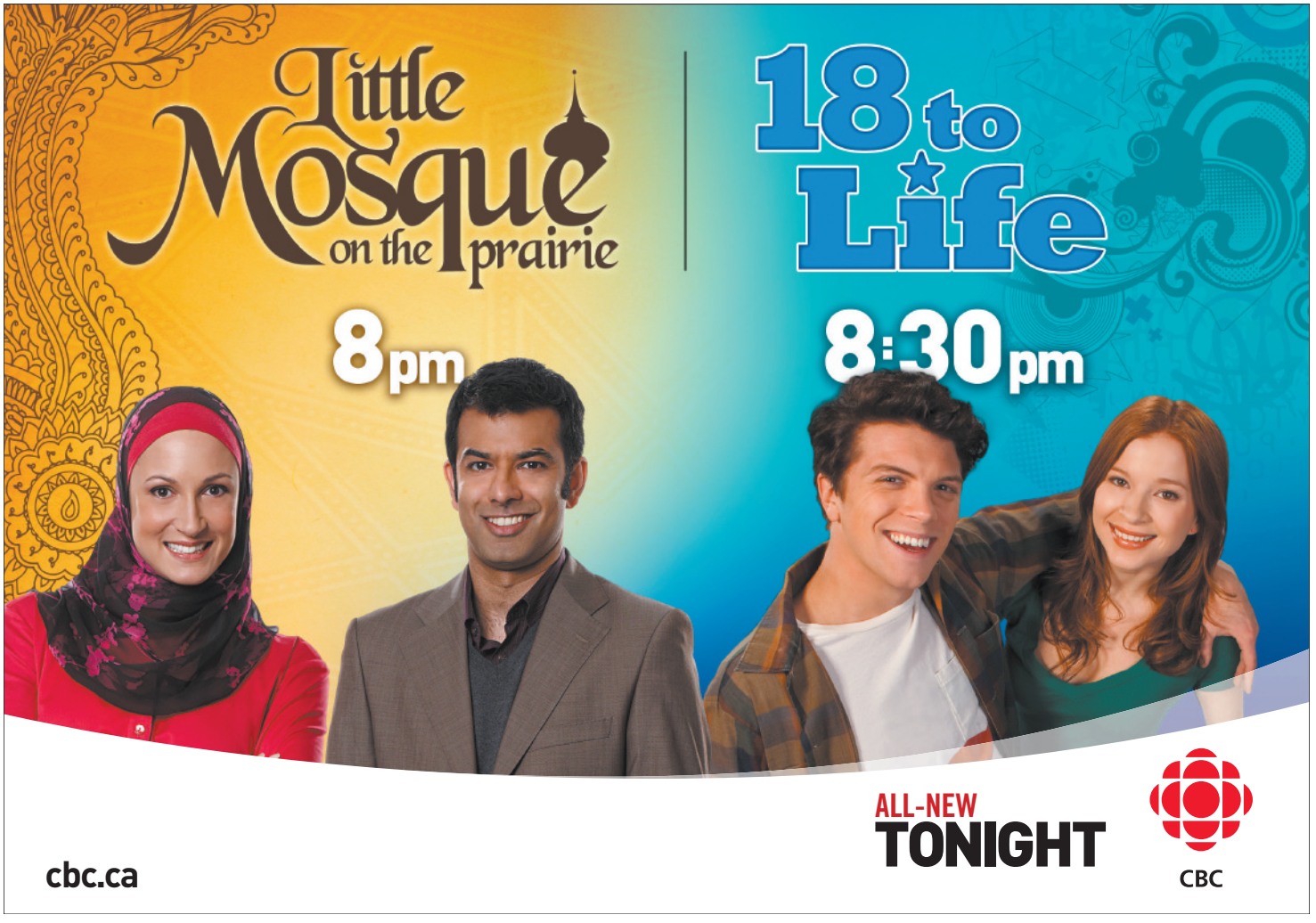
Guests

- Today's star guest is Desperate Housewives heart-throb James Denton.
- Tomorrow, recording artist Josh Groban stops by the set.
- Clint Howard, brother to director Ron Howard, is slated to be on Wednesday's episode and Friday's guest is Canadian actor Jason Priestley.
- The show will air weekdays from 10 to 11 a.m. ET on CTV.

▶ Marilyn Denis



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▶ Jesse Eisenberg in a scene from The Social Network, which received four awards from the National Society of Film Critics on Saturday.

Facebook movie named best of 2010 by U.S. critics

National Society of Film Critics names Eisenberg best actor ◐ Group's choices rarely same as Oscars

The National Society of Film Critics on Saturday selected The Social Network as the best picture of 2010.

The fictional look at the creation of Facebook dominated at the society's annual awards, which were voted on by 46 prominent movie critics gathered at a Manhattan restaurant.

Jesse Eisenberg was named best actor for his role as Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of the social networking website. David Fincher won for best director and Aaron Sorkin for best screenplay.

The critics reached overseas for the best actress honour, naming Italian star Giovanna Mezzogiorno for her role in Vincere. The film follows the rise to power of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, with him abandoning his wife and child along the way.

Supporting actor awards went to Geoffrey Rush for The King's Speech and Olivia Williams for The Ghost Writer.

Among foreign language films, Carlos — French director Olivier Assayas's five-and-a-half-hour-look at the life of the global terrorist dubbed "Carlos the Jackal" — was voted best.

The New York-based society helps draw attention to new films in advance of the Oscars, staged in late February by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

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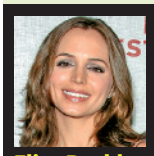

Eliza Dushku [@elizadushku] Diggin' the Las Vegas CES digital world..! Meeting MAD peeps & peeping CRAZY new gadgets.

Conan O'Brien [@Conan OBrien] After seeing "Black Swan" last night, I no longer think I have what it takes to be a great ballerina.

Justin Bieber talks love life (or not)

Pop singer shoots down questions about Selena Gomez He says Cheryl Cole is 'too old' for him

Justin Bieber is getting touchy about questions about his love life. When a reporter from Heat pressed him on rumors about he and Selena Gomez dating, the Canadian teen star interrupted, saying, "I think that question is just asked way too much," Bieber said.

"I'm not going to be able to have a personal life if I keep being asked that question. So I'm not answering that question ever again."

And when the reporter asked him about a possible crush on X-Factor star Cheryl Cole, Bieber was equally combative. "Well, first of all, it would be illegal cause she's, like, too old," he said. "My mom's 35, so she's closer to my mom's age than she is mine." METRO

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▶ Justin Bieber is reluctant to discuss romance rumours.

Arquette gone wild?

David Arquette's decision to check into rehab was apparently preceded by an impressive fall while partying at a bar, according to Page Six.

"David has not handled the split (from Courteney Cox) well. He's been drinking heavily and just went wild," a source says. "At Trousdale, he got wasted and tried to do the worm, but ended falling on his face and smashing up his nose. There was blood everywhere."

After the accident, Arquette reportedly hopped a private plane to continue partying in Miami, where sources say he refused to take off a "Lone Ranger-style mask" that hid the swelling from his accident. METRO

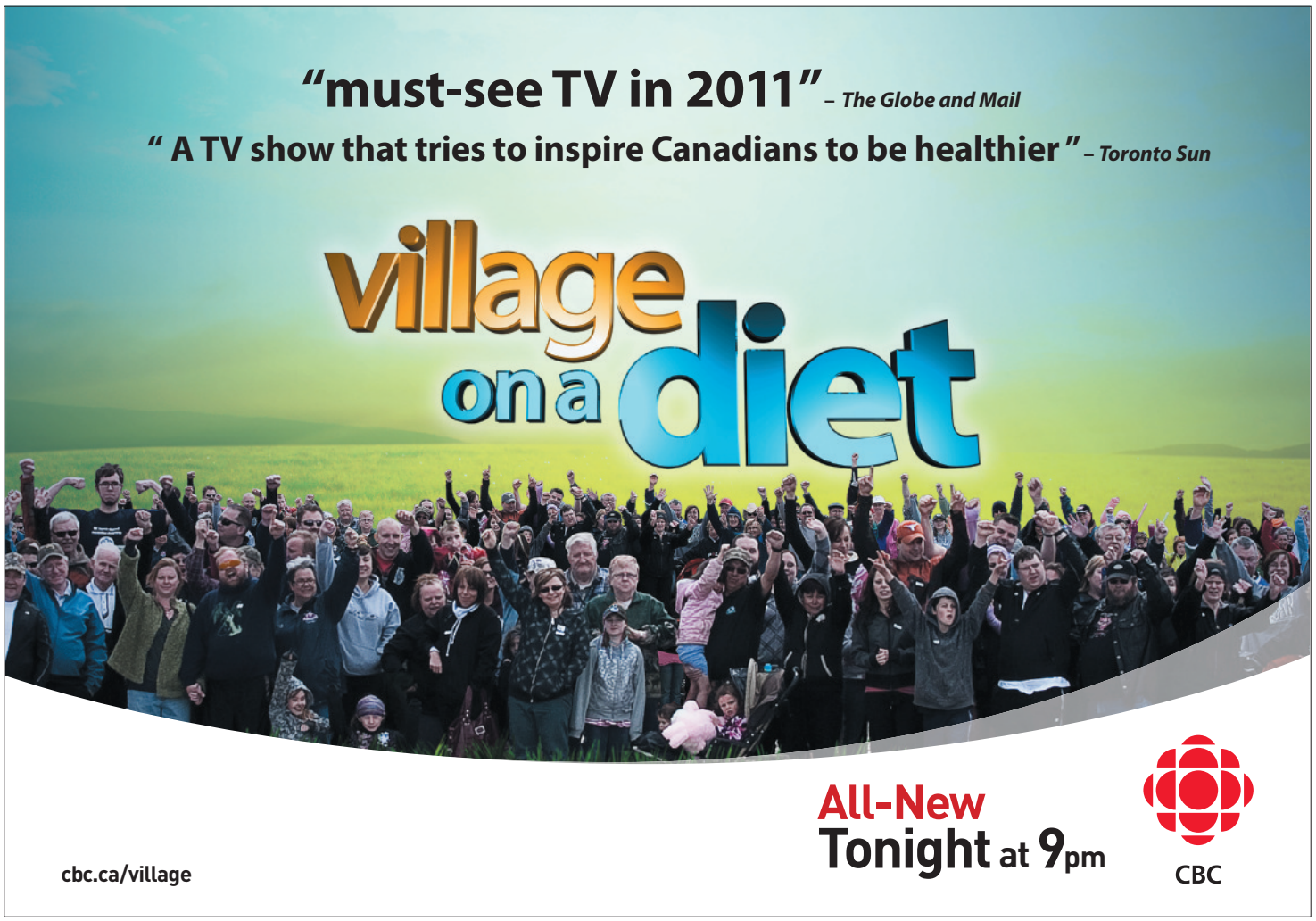
It's a boy for Kerr and Bloom

Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom welcomed a son this weekend in Los Angeles, according to Hollyscoop. Kerr reportedly went into labour early in the morning on Saturday and was taken to an L.A. hospital, accompanied by Bloom and her parents. METRO

Handler: I'm not dating 50 Cent

Chelsea Handler wants to set the record straight about her and 50 Cent.

"People still think we're dating? No! Really?" she says when pressed on the issue by Us Weekly. "He's sweet, though. I love him, but we're not dating." METRO



- Many tweens and teens are refusing to put on coats, even in freezing temperatures
- Experts say girls may feel uncool, while boys may be dealing with developing masculinity

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▶ Many tweens are wearing sweatshirts and shorts year-round and are so insistent that some parents have given up the winter wear fight.

Winter is about snow and coatless tweens?

Among the great spectacles of winter, along with the northern lights and frozen lakes, are coatless kids.

For example, Jack Rogers, 12, of Fishers, Ind., was wearing shorts last week.

"(I've seen) girls and boys with sweatshirts and sneakers in a blizzard..."
AUTUM O'BRYAN, PARENT OF ONE

"I have to pick and choose my battles," says Jack's mom, Shelley Rogers Landes. "I need to let him make decisions that really are inconsequential at the end of day."

Jack explained his reasons for dressing light in winter: "Coats are just a hassle, putting it all on. It makes me bulky. I just like to be in short sleeves."

Carleton Kendrick of Millis, Mass., a family therapist, says that for teens, "wearing bulky winter coats, gloves, boots and hats screams nerd, geek, baby, dork ... UNCOOL!"

Kevin Nadal, an assistant professor of psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, says, "boys at this stage are dealing with developing their masculinity. So in many ways, toughing it out by not wearing warm enough clothes may be a way for them to appear manly."

Some parents, however, refuse to capitulate to the "dress-like-it's-June" mentality.

"It is worth the fight," said Mara Woloshin, mother of a 14-year-old in Portland, Ore.

"Kids will work to wear parents down. At the same time, very few parents know that a gentle 'no way' goes a long way toward gloves and a hoodie.

"It's our job as parents to make men out of boys and try to civilize them in the process!"

Dr. Art Strauss of Alaska says frostbite is seen most often among people who are unprepared for extreme cold. He adds that tourists in Alaska who watch the Northern Lights but fail to cover their ears sometimes develop "Dumbo ears" — severe swelling, blistering and redness.

"This should make any teen with any shred of vanity wish to wear a hat in colder temperatures," Strauss said.

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Keep winter wear cosy with proper care

There is nothing like cosying up in a warm sweater during the chilly winter months, but winter clothing can often need special care to look its best.

Whether it's treating a hot chocolate stain or airing out smelly hockey gear, laundry can be especially challenging when winter comes around.

Battle those mounting laundry piles with these useful tips to ensure your winter wear stays fresh.

Blow the whistle on hockey equipment

Kids across the country wait all year long for hockey season to begin so they can get back on the ice.

But hockey season also means the return of the dreaded hockey bag smells.

After practice or a game, be sure to find a place to air-out hockey gear overnight before washing. This defensive play will help avoid set-in smells.

Stay soft

As the season changes, so do the feel and texture of our clothes.

Parents can face day-to-day challenges trying to get their kids into warm — but often scratchy and rough — winter gear.

For those parents wanting softer clothes without added perfumes, try using a fabric softener without dyes or fragrances. It still does the job without the pungent smell.

Tackle laundry piles

Condensing your whole family's laundry into darks, lights and delicates will help you assess your laundry load for the week.

Teach your kids to take their dirty clothes to a master area each night.

If your children are old enough, teach them to share in household chores by learning to be a laundry expert. It can be a chance for them to take on new responsibilities. **NEWS CANADA**

▶ Winter clothes often require special care.

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Laundry tips

This winter, follow these laundry tips and tricks on how to best care for winter fabrics, so you can leave the house feeling warm, cosy and fashionable.

- Soften rough fabrics by washing clothes with Ultra Downy Free & Sensitive, a liquid fabric softener that is free of dyes and perfumes.
- Be sure to clean your winter jacket pockets of tissues and lip balm before loading into the washing machine.
- Mittens, hats and scarves need to be washed just as often as our other clothing.
- Wash fleece clothing inside-out and machine-dry on low to keep it soft and prevent pilling.

NEWS CANADA

Innovative product winners from Good Housekeeping include corckscrew bobby pin.

Spotlighting P.E.I.'s people, places and food

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▶ Chef Michael Smith's web series features him exploring his home province and cooking simple dishes.

Chef Michael Smith stars in Food Country, a new web series

Chef Michael Smith is putting his home province in the spotlight with a new online web series featuring the people, places and foods of Prince Edward Island.

The Food Network Canada star is teaming with the Culinary Alliance of Prince Edward Island to produce Food Country.

The 24-episode series features Smith as he sources ingredients throughout P.E.I. and returns to his kitchen to cook and create delicious dishes.

A new episode will launch each week, alternating between "field" and "kitchen" episodes.

The field features will see Smith visiting potato farms, vegetable farms, beef farms, oyster beds, local markets and a vodka distillery, or heading out onto the water aboard a lobster boat.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, he will transform ingredients that he discovers into simple dishes.

The debut episode features Smith visiting the vegetable farm Brookfield Gardens.

"We're showing the world what a special food destination we are, how food is woven into the tapestry of our culture and why we're worth a special visit," Chef Smith said in a release.

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Chef Michael Smith Online
To get more information about the show, check out foodcountry.ca.

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Garlic Steamed Broccoli

Preparation:

1. Cut the broccoli into small florets. Trim the stalk bottom and discard. Cut the remaining stalk into thin slices.
2. Splash enough water into a small sauce pot to cover the bottom, about 1/4 inch (5 mm) deep. Add the sliced broccoli stems, oil, garlic and salt. Begin heating over medium-high heat.
3. When water starts to simmer, the garlic will lose much of its pungency and perfume the steam. Add the broccoli florets and cover pot with a tight lid.
4. Steam until the broccoli is tender and bright green, no more than five minutes. The water will finish evaporating just as the broccoli finishes cooking.
5. Remove the pan from the heat and give it a good shake before tossing the broccoli with the oil and garlic. Serve immediately. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingredients:

- 1 head of broccoli
- A splash of olive oil
- A clove or two of thinly sliced garlic
- A splash of water
- A sprinkle or two of salt and pepper

H_2O social media

Everything's going digital – even how we monitor our water use. Here's some apps and online tools to get the know-how on looking after our H_2O.

Water Buddy Everyone is talking about reducing personal water consumption. This iPhone app keeps a record of your water meter readings and suggests ways to limit your usage.

Water Footprint Calculator With a little help from this cartoon duck, National Geographic has set up an online water calculator to help measure usage across various areas.

Virtual Water This nifty app shows how much freshwater is used to produce some everyday products. Who knew that 500 grams of barley needs some 650 litres of water to grow?

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▶ Is this your way of getting the best out of water?

A water footprint

We've all heard of our carbon footprint — the measure of how much CO_2 is emitted into the atmosphere due to our daily lifestyle. But what about our water footprint? Many industries have been talking about how to conserve water, and are doing it just in the nick of time: The UN predicts that two-thirds of us will experience water shortages by 2025.

At home, we have a water meter, which records only a small fraction of a country's usage. The rest — used in industries — remains a bit of a mystery, a concept known as "embedded water."

Unfortunately, scientists don't yet have a standardized way to measure the impact of this embedded water. Unlike carbon, some uses of water are much more destructive than others. There's a big difference between a factory using water for cooling and one that mixes toxic chemicals with water. The key issue is what we do with it. California's Pacific Gas & Electric was recently ordered to do more tests on water they had contaminated in a scandal dramatized in the movie Erin Brockovich.

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RECYCLING A CHILD'S SEAT

All car seats are stamped with an expiration date, but what's a family to do with old, expired car seats? We have three sitting in our garage, and our regular recycling program won't take them. I hate to think of dumping them into the landfill because it seems so wasteful. Any suggestions? - *Melanie of St. Albert, Alberta*

I must admit this question initially had me stumped. I'd never heard of anyone recycling a child's car seat before. And after a few inquiries I now understand why. It's near impossible.

The City of Edmonton's "Wasteman" informed me that child seats aren't recyclable because they contain too many types of materials — plastic, metal and cloth. However, one lead uncovered a recycler in Alberta called Kidseat Recyclers that accepts expired car seats. The bad news (for you) is that they're in Calgary. I'd suggest getting in touch with Kidseat Recyclers to find out if they do collections outside of Calgary, or if they know of any businesses planning to expand this service.

Calgary residents can visit kidseatrecyclers.ca for more information about recycling expired seats at various Round-Up Clinics or Inspection Clinics. Kidseat charges a recycling fee of $7 per car seat and an additional $2 for the base. You must also remove all fabric, foam and webbing.

Also, the Recycling Council of B.C. (604-RECYCLE) suggested Pacific Mobile Depots pacificmobiledepots.com, which sets up a depot in Vancouver, North Vancouver and Coquitlam every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. until noon.

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Office irritants

Chair: Make sure it has a good backrest and is set to the correct height. You could also get an orthopedic chair to lessen feelings of discomfort.

Computer screen: The reflection from the screen and general fatigue can cause headaches or bleary eyes. Get up and walk around every hour.

Desk: The height of your desk could be wrong — together with your chair — which could lead to problems such as tendinitis (inflammation of the tendons in your wrist). Be sure to adjust appropriately. METRO

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HIS COMPETITION HAS TRULY GONE WITH THE WIND

The winds of change are blowing through the wireless communications industry. Can you feel it?

WIND Mobile is the brainchild of 36-year-old entrepreneur Anthony Lacavera. He is out to change the wireless industry in Canada and challenge the way Bell, Rogers and Telus do business. Lacavera puts it simply: "It's time someone shook them up."

If you want to run with the big boys you have to create your own turning point.

After months of persistent phone calls Lacavera finally found himself in front of Egyptian wireless billionaire Naguib Sawiris.

After hearing Lacavera's pitch, Sawiris decided he liked the passionate Canadian. Lacavera suddenly had the $700 million dollars in capital he needed to push Globalive to the next level.

WIND Mobile launched in December of 2009 and now has over 100,000 new customers.

"My dream is for Globalive to become the fourth largest telecommunication company in Canada."

A new year has begun. Do you have dreams and hopes for the future like Anthony Lacavera? Go for it! Craft your vision and then find a way to get it done. Make 2011 a turning point for you.

▶ Anthony Lacavera, mastermind of WIND Mobile, earned a $700 million investment thanks to a passionate pitch.

Anthony's advice

- Building a business has up and down moments — in a down moment I always try to focus on the things I've done that have led to the up moments.
- Whenever I meet an extraordinary person, I try to think of a way to make it exciting for them to join our team!
- I have learned not to go after every great idea that I come across. It is so important to stay focused on what you do well and build from there.
- Always make time for yourself to do whatever you enjoy no matter how much work you have to do.
- I try to follow both my heart and mind on any important decision.

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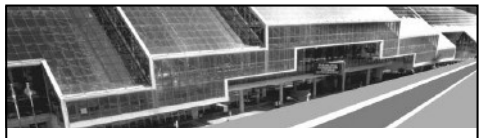

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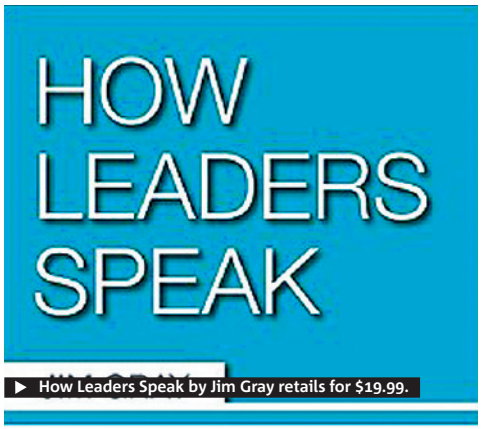

How Leaders Speak by Jim Gray retails for $19.99.

BOOK REVIEW

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There are many things we can do to improve our chances of moving up the career ladder, or if you're an entrepreneur, to increase your profile as a subject matter expert.

Public speaking however is one of those things that can either make or break you, which is probably why it strikes fear in so many people's hearts... more so than, say, networking in a room full of strangers.

According to Jim Gray, "The ability to speak convincingly to others — to compel them — has to rank as one of the most important business skills in life."

In his book, When Leaders Speak, Gray, who is a public speaker himself and a media advisor, illustrates how important it is to get it right.

"You don't have to be running a Fortune 500 company to be scrutinized on your presentation skills. You are continually being evaluated by how well you speak, how credibly, how naturally and how enthusiastically," says Gray.

In my current capacity at the American Marketing Association, I am regularly speaking to large crowds, and despite the frequency, I still get butterflies even when it comes to the formulaic closing remarks, which we tag on at the end of our events.

Gray has done a great job breaking down his book into five key principles that will get your speaking game in tune.

Preparation is the first of the five and I think by far the strongest component to nailing your speaking engagement, especially if delivering presentations is not something you do too often. The remaining keys include certainty, passion, engagement and commitment.

Grays book is a succinct and easy read. I found that even his most basic principles reinforced my own confidence, and have already seen terrific improvement, though the butterflies always make their pre-speech cameo.

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Resolve to read

This year, make a resolution for lifelong learning with these literacy tips from ABC Life Literacy Canada.

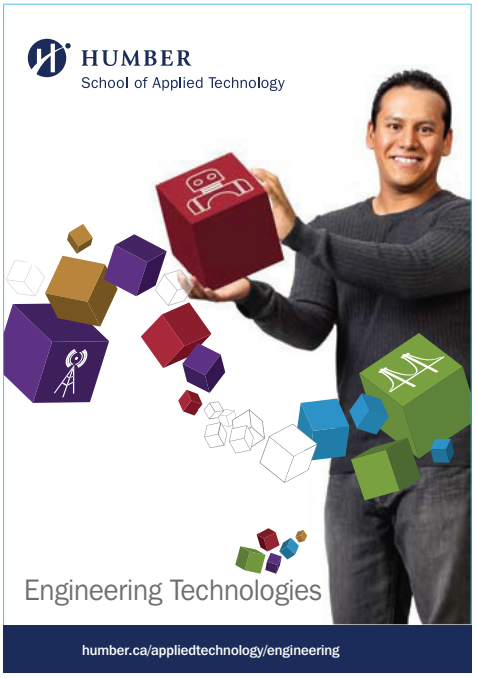
• **Take a course or upgrade your skills.** People with higher literacy skills earn more income, are less likely to be unemployed and are more likely to find full-time work. To find help with reading, writing and math, visit www.LookUnderLearn.ca.

• **Exercise your mind.** Challenge yourself by doing the daily crossword or Sudoku puzzle.

• **Read aloud together, no matter how old you are.** Reading ability is like a muscle. If you don't exercise it often, you may not be able to maintain the same level of reading ability as you age. Encourage all family members to read and discuss items from newspapers and websites to keep up-to-date on what is happening around the world.

• **Write on.** Keep a journal to express your thoughts and help polish your writing skills. Or, send a handwritten letter or thank you note to a friend, family member or co-worker.

• **Teach kids how to save.** Take time to open a savings account for your child. Consider seeding it with a few dollars and then have them put a portion of their allowance or earned money in the account. This is a great way to get them in the healthy habit of saving and thinking about achieving financial goals.



• **Give the gift of words.** Need inspiration for birthday, wedding or anniversary gifts this year? Why not give magazine subscriptions, books, or make a donation to a literacy organization in your community?

• **Start a book club.** Spend time with some of your favourite people talking about some of your favourite characters. Go online for tips on how to get started.

• **Be a mentor.** Offer to proofread homework or verify math answers after your child has done the work.

• **Participate in Family Literacy Day.** On January 27, 2011, thousands of Canadians will take part in Family Literacy Day events in schools, libraries, literacy organizations and homes across the country. You can find out how to join in at familyliteracyday.ca.

Fun literacy tips and activities to help keep your skills sharp year-round are available online at abclifeliteracy.ca.

NEWSCANADA

Page party

- On January 27, 2011, Canadians from coast to coast to coast will Play for Literacy in support of Family Literacy Day.
- Literacy Day is an annual initiative developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada to encourage parents and children to spend at least 15 minutes enjoying a learning activity every day.
- To take part in Family Literacy Day, and to Play for Literacy, visit FamilyLiteracyDay.ca to find a local event or access resources to create your own celebration.

Beam in the brilliance

Technology is introducing students to the very best of the science world

NEWSCANADA

▶ The Canadian Space Agency's virtual programs are aiming to impress a computer-conscious generation of learners.

Satellites are connecting some of Canada's top scientists with students and teachers in communities across the country.

Through highly interactive educational workshops using videoconferencing, the Canadian Space Agency is working with educators, community organizations, museums and science centres to reach out and inspire students in communities all over Canada.

One of the most popular video conference workshops is How to Explore Mars, where students apply the science concepts they learn while studying Mars exploration of the past, present and future.

Students then take part in a simulation showing the challenges of communicating between Earth and Mars. Distance-learning programs leverage the ability of experts to inspire youthful curiosity and share their passion and knowledge with young students and educators.

Tapping into an increasingly computer-literate student population, the Space Learning Program directs an interactive, real-time virtual classroom that connects up to 100 students, from anywhere in the country.

In the virtual class workshop about Earth observation, students learn directly from an expert how to read an image taken by RADARSAT, and how Canada's premier satellite is used for coastal ice monitoring, agriculture, forestry, environmental conservation and disaster management. NEWSCANADA

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4 sports

Sports in brief

1 Flames forward Tom Kostopoulos was given a six-game suspension.

2 David Beckham's proposed loan to Tottenham fell through because of insurance issues.

3 Jerome Bettis Curtis Martin, Marshall Faulk, and Deion Sanders are among 15 finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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Scan code for more sports

Emerging duo sets the pace

DeRozan and Bargnani combine for 58 points in win 'They both found a way to score in different ways tonight,' says coach Triano

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▶ Toronto Raptor DeMar DeRozan, left, leads a fast break during yesterday's game against Sacramento.

DeMar DeRozan and Andrea Bargnani are becoming a solid 1-2 scoring punch for the Toronto Raptors.

Bargnani led with 30 points and DeRozan was close behind with 28 in a 118-112 victory yesterday over the Sacramento Kings at Air Canada Centre.

DeRozan, who took over as the Raptors' big scorer when Bargnani was injured, has continued to impress since Bargnani returned Jan. 4 after missing four games with a strained calf.

"I think DeMar has the ability to be aggressive, even when Andrea's on the floor," Raptors head coach Jay Triano said. "They're our two best offensive options."

118	112
RAPTORS	KINGS

The Raptors did not have problems scoring, shooting 58.5 per cent from the floor in a game where defence often was lacking. Bargnani shot 12-for-19 from the floor and DeRozan was 13-for-20.

"Offensively, it was good," Bargnani said. "We didn't play good defence the whole game. We got better in the last five minutes and that's what got us the win."

Bargnani knows that DeRozan, a second-year player, has the ability to develop into an offensive force.

"I'm not surprised. I know what he can do. I see him practise every day," Bargnani said. "I'm glad he's finally showing on the court, in the games, what he's capable of doing."

It was DeRozan's eighth game with 20 or more points this season and five of them have come in the past 10 games.

Beno Udrih led Sacramento (8-26) with 25 points and Carl Landry added 22 points off the bench. Jason Thompson added 19 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 18 for the Kings.

Leandro Barbosa provided a boost for Toronto (13-24) coming off the bench to score 18 points with 11 coming in the fourth quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The point is offence for BCS title

Steve Spurrier, the football coach who knows a little about offence, said the game could wind up 60-55. Kirk Herbstreit, the TV analyst who knows a little about these teams, said defences must bristle when they keep hearing about scores in the 55-53 range. The bookmakers in Las Vegas, who don't throw out their numbers just for fun, envision something more like 38-35.

74 The over-under for the game, which kicks off at 8:30 tonight.

There's a reason Auburn and Oregon are playing in the BCS national title game tonight.

These are two newcomers to the championship scene, both with offences that, almost literally, never take a break. Auburn has Cam Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner who led the Southeastern Conference in rushing, passer efficiency and scoring. Oregon has LaMichael James, the key to an offence that likes to snap the ball nine to 11 seconds after the end of the previous play, and one that scores a nation-high 49.1 points per game.

"We're anticipating it being very quick, obviously, from the things that we've heard," Auburn coach Gene Chizik said. "But we're prepared for that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Armstrong laughs off cheap shot

Colby Armstrong has a scratched cornea, horrible depth perception and a wonderful sense of humour about it all.

He didn't practise yesterday, but emerged from the Leafs room, wearing California-inspired sunglasses over his eye patch to talk to reporters for the first time about the injury suffered Friday when Atlanta's Ben Eager sucker-punched him.

"I think I look pretty good right now," said Armstrong. He was then asked if he would wear a visor for his next game.

"I think I'm just going to wear these sunglasses, actually," he said.

Then he got serious when recalling the after-effects of the punch and the fact he thought his vision might be at stake.

"Actually, I didn't know what was going on, just my eye kept watering," he said. "It was just stinging real bad. I guess that's normal with a scratched cornea ... Turns out, it's not too serious. Just have to let it heal."

The Maple Leafs will know today if he will be able to play against the Los Angeles Kings tonight in the second of this four-game road trip. Armstrong also missed 16 games between Oct. 26 and Dec. 2 when a tendon ripped from his knuckle.

He will be allowed to play against L.A. if "he can't do any permanent damage to his eye," said coach Ron Wilson.

"It looked a little bit better when they took the patch off (yesterday). It's still kind of leaking a little bit, kind of disgusting. Hopefully. by (game time) we'll have a better idea ... Hopefully, San Jose (tomorrow) at the latest he'll be in the lineup."

Eager was suspended without pay for four games for the punch on Armstrong. He was ejected and given a match penalty for intent to injure in the Leafs' 9-3 win Friday.

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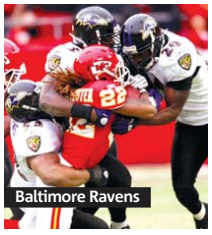
"I've been hit in the face lots before with gloves and sticks. But he hit me pretty hard and got me right in the right spot to injure my eyeball."

COLBY ARMSTRONG

Wild weekend as playoffs begin

- Seahawks stun Saints, while three road teams emerge victorious
- Here's a look at the opening-round results, and next week's matchups


Baltimore Ravens

How they won

Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and the rest of the battle-tested Ravens rattled the Chiefs into five turnovers and held their offence to 25 yards in the second half in a 30-7 playoff victory yesterday. Joe Flacco threw two touchdown passes and Billy Cundiff kicked three field goals.

Now they face ...

... the Steelers. They split two bone-crushing games during the season, with the Ravens winning 17-14 at Pittsburgh in Week 4, the last game of Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's suspension. The Steelers took the rematch, 13-10.

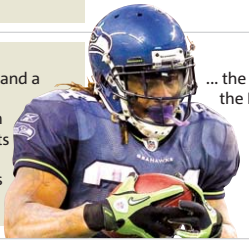
Green Bay Packers

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes, seldom-used rookie James Starks ran for 123 yards and the Green Bay Packers beat Michael Vick and the Philadelphia Eagles 21-16 in an NFC wild-card game yesterday.

... the Falcons. Atlanta (13-3) is the top seed in the NFC, and beat Green Bay 20-17 in November at home. Now the two teams will meet again in Atlanta.

Seattle Seahawks

Pete Carroll, Matt Hasselbeck and a Seattle team no one believed deserved to be in the post-season pulled off one of the biggest upsets with a 41-36 victory over the defending champion New Orleans Saints on Saturday.



... the Bears. Seattle is familiar with the Bears (11-5), having defeated them 23-20 in Chicago in Week 6.

New York Jets

Nick Folk kicked a 32-yard field goal as time expired Saturday night, giving the New York Jets a 17-16 playoff victory over Indianapolis. The Colts (10-7) beat the Jets for the AFC title a year ago.

... the Patriots. The last time they met, the Patriots won 45-3 in a prime-time romp. In Week 2, though, the Jets won 28-14. "We've been wanting the Patriots for a while now," tight end Dustin Keller said. "Ever since that game."

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NHL in pictures

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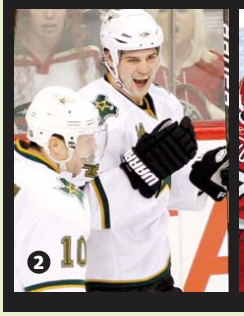
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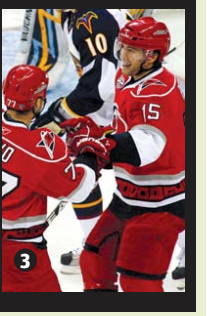
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1 Jason Arnott scored a lucky go-ahead goal in a five-goal third period and Martin Brodeur made 33 saves to lead the struggling New Jersey Devils to a 6-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning yesterday.

2 Jamie Benn scored twice, backup goalie Andrew Raycroft notched his second shutout of the season with 26 saves and the Dallas Stars matched a franchise record with their seventh straight road victory, 4-0 over the Minnesota Wild.

3 Erik Cole scored 2:09 into overtime to lift the Carolina Hurricanes to a 4-3 win over the Atlanta Thrashers. Tuomo Ruutu, Zac Dalpe and Jeff Skinner also scored for the Hurricanes, who are 5-0-2 in their last seven games as they chase Montreal for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	41	26	10	2	3	137	107	57	13-6-0-2	13-4-2-1	7-3-0-0	W3
d-Tampa Bay	43	25	13	3	2	128	137	55	12-3-1-1	13-10-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Boston	40	21	12	2	5	113	91	49	9-7-1-2	12-5-1-3	5-2-1-2	L2
Pittsburgh	43	26	13	2	2	136	101	56	14-8-1-0	12-5-1-2	5-3-0-2	L2
Washington	42	24	12	3	3	123	109	54	15-4-2-3	9-8-1-0	6-1-2-1	W1
NY Rangers	43	25	15	2	1	126	107	53	10-8-1-1	15-7-1-0	6-2-1-1	W3
Atlanta	45	22	16	3	4	140	140	51	11-8-1-2	11-8-2-2	3-5-2-0	L2
Montreal	42	23	16	3	0	105	99	49	14-5-3-0	9-11-0-0	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	41	20	15	2	4	121	123	46	9-7-1-1	11-8-1-3	5-3-2-0	W2
Buffalo	41	18	18	5	0	113	119	41	9-10-1-0	9-8-4-0	5-4-1-0	W2
Florida	40	18	20	1	1	109	106	38	8-8-1-1	10-12-0-0	4-4-1-1	L3
Ottawa	42	16	20	4	2	93	126	38	9-12-1-1	7-8-3-1	3-4-2-1	L5
Toronto	40	16	20	2	2	105	121	36	9-10-2-1	7-10-0-1	4-6-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	40	13	21	3	3	94	130	32	7-7-1-2	6-14-2-1	6-3-0-1	L1
New Jersey	42	11	29	1	1	78	133	24	7-13-1-1	4-16-0-0	2-8-0-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	41	27	8	3	3	141	99	60	15-3-1-2	12-5-2-1	8-0-1-1	L1
d-Detroit	42	27	10	4	1	145	118	59	13-5-3-1	14-5-1-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Dallas	43	25	13	1	4	124	118	55	12-6-1-3	13-7-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Nashville	41	22	13	4	2	106	97	50	10-4-3-2	12-9-1-0	5-5-0-0	W5
Anaheim	45	23	18	2	2	117	123	50	15-7-0-1	8-11-2-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Chicago	44	23	18	2	1	136	121	49	14-10-0-0	9-8-2-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Colorado	42	21	15	6	0	139	134	48	11-8-3-0	10-7-3-0	3-5-2-0	L2
Los Angeles	41	23	17	1	0	124	105	47	14-6-1-0	9-11-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Phoenix	41	19	13	6	3	113	117	47	8-5-3-2	11-8-3-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	42	21	16	1	4	107	118	47	10-10-0-2	11-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1
San Jose	43	21	17	4	1	119	118	47	10-7-2-1	11-10-2-0	4-6-0-0	L4
St. Louis	40	20	14	2	4	107	112	46	14-6-0-2	6-8-2-2	5-4-0-1	L3
Columbus	42	20	19	2	1	107	130	43	11-9-0-1	9-10-2-0	4-6-0-0	L4
Calgary	42	18	20	1	3	112	123	40	11-8-0-1	7-12-1-2	4-5-0-1	L3
Edmonton	40	13	20	1	6	101	138	33	7-11-1-2	6-9-1-3	2-6-0-2	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Carolina 4 Atlanta 3 (OT)
New Jersey 6 Tampa Bay 3
Dallas 4 Minnesota 0
Chicago 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Anaheim 1 San Jose 0
Minnesota 4 Pittsburgh 0
Nashville 2 San Jose 1
N.Y. Islanders 4 Colorado 3 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 2 St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 2 New Jersey 1
Washington 3 Florida 2

Saturday's results
Montreal 3 Boston 2 (OT)
Detroit 2 Vancouver 1 (SO)
Tampa Bay 2 Ottawa 1
Buffalo 2 Phoenix 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 6 Columbus 4

Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Stamkos, TB	31	26	57
D.Sedin, Vcr	25	29	54
H.Sedin, Vcr	9	45	54
St. Louis, TB	18	34	52
B.Richards, Dal	18	29	47
Zetterberg, Det	15	32	47
Perry, Ana	21	24	45
Eriksson, Dal	16	29	45
Kopitar, LA	15	30	45
Ovechkin, Wash	15	29	44
Sharp, Chi	24	18	42
Byfuglien, Atl	16	25	41
Kesler, Vcr	23	17	40
E.Staal, Car	20	20	40
Duchene, Col	16	24	40
Datsyuk, Det	12	27	39
Lidstrom, Det	11	28	39
Backstrom, Wash	11	27	38
Havlat, Minn	10	28	38
Iginla, Cal	17	20	37
Heatley, SJ	15	22	37
Getzlaf, Ana	13	24	37
M.Richards, Pha	13	24	37
Selanne, Ana	12	25	37
Dubinsky, NYR	16	20	36
Giroux, Pha	16	20	36
P.Stastny, Col	15	21	36
Clowe, SJ	11	25	36
M.Koivu, Minn	10	26	36
Enstrom, Atl	8	28	36
Letang, Pgh	6	30	36
Semin, Wash	18	17	35
Towes, Chi	16	19	35
J.Williams, LA	16	19	35
Ladd, Atl	14	21	35
Hejduk, Col	13	22	35
Roy, Buf	10	25	35
J.Thornton, SJ	10	25	35
Ribeiro, Dal	9	26	35
Nash, Clb	20	14	34
D.Brown, LA	17	17	34
J.Carter, Pha	16	18	34
Malkin, Pgh	15	19	34
Briere, Pha	21	12	33
Franzen, Det	18	15	33
MacArthur, Tor	12	21	33
Grabovski, Tor	17	15	32
Plekanec, Mtl	12	20	32
Backes, StL	11	21	32
Visnovsky, Ana	7	25	32
Vanek, Buf	16	15	31
Skinner, Car	13	18	31
P.Kane, Chi	12	19	31
Malone, TB	10	21	31
Tanguay, Cal	10	21	31
Ruutu, Car	9	22	31
J.Johnson, LA	4	27	31
Ryan, Ana	17	13	30
Marleau, SJ	15	15	30
Neal, Dal	14	16	30
Versteeg, Tor	12	18	30
Yandle, Pho	6	24	30
Liles, Col	5	25	30
Kessel, Tor	17	12	29
Umberger, Clb	14	15	29
Leino, Pha	9	20	29
Boyle, SJ	5	24	29
Rafalski, Det	2	27	29
Couture, SJ	19	9	28
Smyth, LA	17	11	28
Lucic, Bos	16	12	28
Kulemin, Tor	15	13	28
Steen, StL	14	14	28
Tavares, NYI	14	14	28
Kunitz, Pgh	13	15	28
Cammalleri, Mtl	12	16	28
Doan, Pho	10	18	28
Kaberle, Tor	1	27	28
Morrow, Dal	17	10	27
Penner, Edm	12	15	27
Fleischmann, Col	11	16	27

Not including last night's games

TENNIS

ATP CHENNAI OPEN
At Chennai, India
Singles
Championship
Stanislas Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Xavier Malisse (7), Belgium, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.
Doubles
Championship
Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (1), India, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and David Martin, U.S., 6-2, 6-7 (3), 10-7 tiebreak.

ATP-WTA BRISBANE INT'L
At Brisbane, Australia
Men
Singles
Championship
Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, def. Andy Roddick (2), U.S., 6-3, 7-5.
Doubles
Championship
Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, and Paul Hanley (3), Australia, vs. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, 6-4, retired.

WTA MOORILLA HOBART INT'L
At Hobart, New Zealand
Singles
First Round
Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, def. Romina Oprandi, Italy, 7-6 (0), 6-3.
Sara Errani (7), Italy, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3).

ATP-WTA MEDIBANK INT'L
At Sydney, Australia
Women
Singles
First Round
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.

SKIING

WOMEN'S SUPER-G
At Alternmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria
1. Lara Gut, Switzerland, one minute 12.82 seconds; 2. Lindsey Vonn, U.S., 1:13.35; 3. Dominique Gisin, Switzerland, 1:13.54 **Also: 9. Britt Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:14.26 30. Marie-Michele Gagnon, Lac-Etchemin, Que., 1:15.70. 35. Georgia Simmerling, West Vancouver, B.C., 1:16.87.**
World Cup Super-G Standings
(after two races)
1. Lindsey Vonn, U.S., 180 points; 2. Maria Riesch, Germany, 120; 3. Lara Gut, Switzerland, 100; 4. Dominique Gisin, Switzerland, 89; 5. Julia Mancuso, U.S., 75
Overall World Cup Standings
(after 17 events)
1. Maria Riesch, Germany, 923 points; 2. Lindsey Vonn, U.S., 827; 3. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 565; 4. (tie), Tanja Poutiainen, Finland, and Tina Maze, Slovenia, 480

MEN'S SLALOM
At Adelboden, Switzerland
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, one minute 50.90 seconds (55.24-55.66); 2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 1:51.16 (56.02-55.14); 3. Reinfried Herbst, Austria, 1:52.19 (57.68-54.51); 4. Mario Matt, Austria, 1:52.45 (58.07-54.38); **5. Michael Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:52.50 (56.74-55.76) Also: 17. Brad Spence, Calgary, 1:53.86 (58.78-55.08) 20. Trevor White, Calgary, 1:54.34 (59.00-55.34)**
World Cup Slalom Standings
(after four races)
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 253 points; 2. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 204; 3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 196
Overall World Cup Standings
(after 15 events)
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 504 points; 2. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 435; 3. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 421

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
NBA
PHOENIX SUNS—Signed G Zabian Dowdell to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL
NFL
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Voided the final year of CB Nnamdi Asomugha because he did not reach certain incentives, making him a free agent.

HOCKEY
NHL
LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Calgary F Tom Kostopoulos six games and announced he will forfeit $29,569.92 in salary for delivering a blow to the head of Detroit D Brad Stuart during Friday's game.
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Reassigned D John de Gray from Syracuse (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL).
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled F Spencer Machacek and F Tim Stapleton from Chicago (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Reassigned D Brett Carson to Charlotte (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned D Mike Commodore to Springfield (AHL). Called up D Grant Clitsome from Springfield.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled D Mark Fayne from Albany (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F Kris Newbury from Connecticut (AHL).

SOCCER
FIFA—Announced the resignation of Guenter Hirsch from the ethics commission.

FOOTBALL

NCAA
BOWL GAMES
(All times Eastern)
Last night's result
FIGHT HUNGER BOWL
At San Francisco
Boston College vs. Nevada
Tonight's games
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
At Glendale, Ariz.
Auburn (13-0) vs. Oregon (12-0), 8:30 p.m.

NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Yesterday's results
AFC
Baltimore 30 Kansas City 7
NFC
Green Bay 21 Philadelphia 16
Saturday's results
AFC
N.Y. Jets 17 Indianapolis 16
NFC
Seattle 41 New Orleans 36

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 15
All times Eastern
AFC
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
NFC
Green Bay at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 16
NFC
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
AFC
N.Y. Jets at New England, 4:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	28	8	.778	½
d-Miami	30	9	.769	—
Orlando	25	12	.676	4
d-Chicago	24	12	.667	4½
Atlanta	25	14	.641	5
New York	21	15	.583	7½
Indiana	14	20	.412	13½
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	14
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	14
Charlotte	13	21	.382	14½
Toronto	13	24	.351	16
Detroit	12	24	.333	16½
New Jersey	10	27	.270	19
Washington	9	26	.257	19
Cleveland	8	29	.216	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	31	6	.838	—
Dallas	26	10	.722	4½
d-L.A. Lakers	27	11	.711	4½
d-Oklahoma City	25	13	.658	6½
d-Utah	25	13	.658	6½
New Orleans	22	16	.579	9½
Denver	20	16	.556	10½
Portland	20	18	.526	11½
Memphis	17	20	.459	14
Houston	16	21	.432	15
Phoenix	15	20	.429	15
Golden State	15	22	.405	16
L.A. Clippers	12	24	.333	18½
Minnesota	9	29	.237	22½
Sacramento	8	26	.235	21½

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Yesterday's results
Toronto 118 Sacramento 112
L.A. Clippers 106 Golden State 91
San Antonio 94 Minnesota 91
Phoenix 108 Cleveland 100
Miami 107 Portland 100 (OT)
New Orleans 96 Denver 87
L.A. Lakers 109 New York 87

Saturday's results
Atlanta 108 Indiana 93
Charlotte 104 Washington 89
Milwaukee 115 New Jersey 92
Detroit 112 Philadelphia 109 (OT)
Chicago 90 Boston 79
Oklahoma City 109 Memphis 100
Orlando 117 Dallas 107
Utah 103 Houston 99 (OT)

Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Memphis at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.

RAPTORS 118, KINGS 112
SACRAMENTO (112)
Garcia 4-11 4-4 13, Thompson 6-12 7-8 19, Cousins 8-14 2-3 18, Udrih 9-17 4-6 25, Taylor 2-8 0-0 4, Dalembert 1-2 0-0 2, Landry 7-13 8-10 22, Casspi 3-11 2-2 9, Jeter 0-3 0-1 0, Greene 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Head 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-91 27-34 112.
TORONTO (118)
Kleiza 3-9 1-2 7, Dorsey 1-1 0-2 2, Bargnani 12-19 4-5 30, Calderon 5-11 3-3 13, DeRozan 13-20 2-3 28, Johnson 3-3 2-2 8, Davis 0-1 2-2 2, Barbosa 7-11 1-2 18, Bayless 4-7 1-2 10, Wright 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-82 16-23 118.

Sacramento	31	19	35	27	112
Toronto	34	23	28	33	118

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 5-16 (Udrih 3-4, Casspi 1-5, Garcia 1-6, Taylor 0-1), Toronto 6-13 (Barbosa 3-3, Bargnani 2-4, Bayless 1-3, Calderon 0-1, Kleiza 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 51 (Thompson 11), Toronto 48 (Johnson 9). Assists—Sacramento 19 (Jeter 6), Toronto 26 (Calderon 9). Total Fouls—Sacramento 19, Toronto 26. Technicals—Sacramento defensive three second, Toronto defensive three second. A—17,206 (19,800) at Toronto

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	34	318	267	960	28.2
Stoudemire, NYK	35	349	218	922	26.3
Ellis, GOL	36	343	171	920	25.6
Bryant, LAL	37	325	230	930	25.1
James, MIA	38	319	257	944	24.8
Wade, MIA	36	305	248	889	24.7

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

ENGLAND
FA CUP
THIRD ROUND
Yesterday's results
Manchester United 1 Liverpool 0
Tottenham 3 Charlton 0
Chelsea 7 Ipswich 0
Leicester 2 Manchester City 2

SCOTLAND
FA CUP
FOURTH ROUND
Yesterday's results
Dundee 0 Motherwell 4
Berwick 0 Celtic 2

SPAIN
LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Espanyol 4 Zaragoza 0
Levante 0 Valencia 1
Mallorca 4 Almeria 1
Osasuna 0 Getafe 0
Racing Santander 1 Sporting Gijon 1
Real Madrid 4 Villarreal 2

PORTUGAL
LIGA
Yesterday's results
Academica 0 Pacos Ferreira 0
Guimaraes 1 Naval 2
Leiria 0 Benfica 3
Nacional 0 Beira Mar 0
Rio Ave 0 Olhanense 1

ITALY
SERIE A
Yesterday's results
AC Milan 4 Udinese 4
Bari 0 Bologna 2
Catania 1 Inter Milan 2
Cesena 0 Genoa 0
Chievo Verona 0 Palermo 0
Fiorentina 3 Brescia 2
Lazio 1 Lecce 2
Napoli 3 Juventus 0
Parma 1 Cagliari 2
Sampdoria 2 AS Roma 1

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	1	1	0	1.000	13	7	—
Rochester	1	1	0	1.000	11	10	—
Boston	1	1	0	1.000	10	6	—
Buffalo	1	0	1	.000	9	10	1
Philadelphia	1	0	1	.000	6	10	1

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	2	2	0	1.000	23	20	-
Washington	2	1	1	.500	22	23	1
Colorado	1	0	1	.000	10	11	1½
Minnesota	1	0	1	.000	10	11	1½
Edmonton	1	0	1	.000	7	13	1½

WEEK ONE
Last night's result
Calgary 13 Washington 11
Saturday's results
Calgary 10 Buffalo 9
Toronto 13 Edmonton 7
Boston 10 Philadelphia 6
Rochester 11 Minnesota 10 (OT)
Washington 11 Colorado 10 (OT)
WEEK TWO
Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Minnesota at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Edmonton at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

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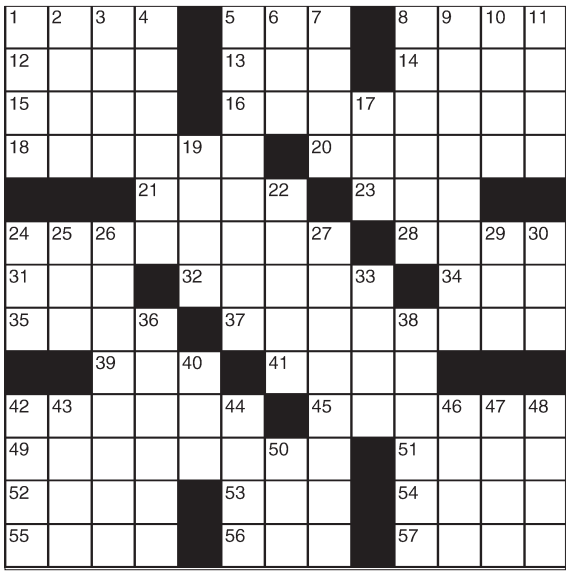

Across

1 Eastern potentate
5 Knock
8 Wash
12 Bollywood costume
13 Id counterpart
14 Alkali neutralizer
15 Raindrop sound
16 Unsolved mystery, maybe
18 Martial arts instructor
20 Not so quietly
21 Aleutian island
23 Away from WSW
24 "Price Is Right" jackpot
28 Bullets, for short
31 Cushion
32 Coasters
34 Author Fleming
35 Came to land
37 Piece of luggage
39 Rowing tool
41 "Nerts!"
42 Pieces of work
45 Salary
49 Potential precedent
51 Swear
52 Capri or Wight
53 Scratch
54 Take out of context?
55 High-protein beans
56 Sullivan and McMahon
57 Picnic invaders

Down

1 Venomous snakes
2 Masculine
3 Press
4 Coarse cutting tool
5 One-person concerts
6 Past
7 Survey
8 Gap
9 Students' life
10 Workbench attachment
11 Linda of Broadway
17 Female deer
19 Extras (Abbr.)
22 Exhaust
24 Resort
25 Actor Linden
26 With malice
27 Enlighteners
29 More (Sp.)
30 Individual
33 Dazzle
36 Flavors
38 Locust
40 Fun and games
42 Elevator man
43 Mexican money
44 Unchanged
46 Microwave, e.g.
47 Lose feathers
48 Rams fans?
50 Despondent

▶ Friday's answer

T	S	P	■	H	E	W	S	■	P	A	U	L
A	W	E	■	A	T	O	M	■	I	N	T	O
B	A	L	L	Y	H	O	O	■	A	Y	E	S
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S	H	R	E	W	■	P	E	N	■	E	E	L
L	O	I	N	■	B	A	R	■	L	O	G	O
A	B	C	■	C	R	Y	■	S	E	N	S	E
Y	O	O	H	O	O	■	Q	U	A	■	■	■
■	■	■	A	P	T	■	U	N	S	U	N	G
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Sudoku

	7		9		3	4	2	
					5			1
2						3		7
	4		2			8	5	
				4				
	9	8			7		1	
1		5						2
7			3					
	3	6	1		2		4	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

8	6	2	4	9	1	3	7	5
9	3	7	6	8	5	2	1	4
4	5	1	7	2	3	6	9	8
3	2	9	8	1	6	5	4	7
1	7	4	3	5	2	8	6	9
5	8	6	9	7	4	1	3	2
6	9	3	2	4	8	7	5	1
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2	4	5	1	3	7	9	8	6

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Use your head today and you won't go far wrong. Others may get emotional about what's going on but you must not allow petty feelings to get in the way of business.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 A creative project you have been working on for quite some time must be wrapped up quickly. Soon there will be other, more important, calls on your time and energy, so get it finished by the end of this week.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Your dominant position will be challenged but anyone who thinks you will just roll over and play dead obviously doesn't know you too well.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Cancer may be a cardinal sign but no matter how ambitious you may be there is only so much you can do in a day. Know your limits and stay within them.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be imperious by nature but you are always prepared to listen to good advice and what friends and family members tell you today is worth its weight in gold. Don't cash it in yet though – it's value will keep rising.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Avoid negative thinking at all costs today. If you allow yourself to dwell on the worst that might happen you increase the chances of it coming about. A positive attitude is an absolute must.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is something you have left unfinished, something that needs to be done as a matter of urgency. The longer you leave it the more likely it is you will have to rush it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You need to spend some time alone today, if only to get your thoughts together. You don't have to ask anyone's permission to slip away for a few hours.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your are, of course, entitled to your opinions but are they backed up by the facts? If not you may have a hard time trying to explain to other people today why you are so passionate about what you believe.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 A little effort will go a long way today. The Sun in your sign gives you no end of confidence and you won't hesitate to strike out in a new direction if it feels right.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What others say and what others mean today are likely to be two entirely different things, so don't take what you hear at face value.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The reason why certain people are being unhelpful is because of something you said to them, or about them, a long time ago. It may be silly that they still bear a grudge but it's up to you to make amends.

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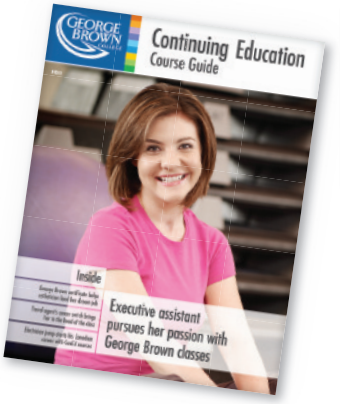

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